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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid

**Dispensers** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: **Tuesday, February 16, 2016,** at **2:00 p.m.** 

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 03/15/2016

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, President, Presiding Heather Smith, Professional Member, Secretary Dr. Kiijuana Cann, Professional Member William Doolittle, Public Member Lisa Marencin, Professional Member Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member Brian Whitaker, Public Member (2:13 p.m. – 3:21 p.m.) Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member

### **DIVISION STAFF**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General David Manger, Director Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

# **ALSO PRESENT**

Leia Heckman, DSHA

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Coats called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

The Board members introduced themselves for the benefit of the new professional member, Dr. Cann.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2016

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting. Ms. Wolfington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist License Extension Request

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Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to ratify the following the temporary speech pathologist licensure extension request. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Chelsea Heck

## Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the following permanent speech pathologist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Melissa Krempasky

## Review of Hearing Aid Dispenser Application by Reciprocity

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the following hearing aid dispenser application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Janet Ivens

## **Election of Officers**

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to nominate Ms. Coats to serve a second term as President. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Coats accepted the nomination.

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to nominate Ms. Smith to serve a second term as Secretary. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Smith accepted the nomination.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Review Correspondence from Brian Whitaker in Response to November 2015 Meeting

The Board reviewed the correspondence Mr. Whitaker submitted regarding the November 2015 meeting minutes. The Board took no action.

Review Correspondence from the International Hearing Society RE: Updated IHS Competency Model and ILE

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the International Hearing Society regarding the updates to the competency model and ILE.

Review Correspondence from the American Academy of Audiology Annual Convention: AudiologyNOW! 2016

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the American Academy of Audiology regarding the 2016 annual convention.

# **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that the revised telepractice regulations will be published in the April 1, 2016 edition register, and the public hearing will be held during the May 17, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Whitaker inquired about the statutory changes regarding the ASHA code of ethics. Ms. Kelly advised Mr. Whitaker that professional standards are addressed in the regulations, and it would be a decision of the

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Board to consider revising the professional standards. Mr. Whitaker inquired about the process of proposing regulatory changes. Ms. Coats advised Mr. Whitaker that the proposed changes can be submitted to the Board for consideration. Mr. Whitaker discussed how telepractice in prison settings could be cumbersome. Ms. Williams advised Mr. Whitaker that medical services are contracted for the prison settings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Heckman addressed the Board, voicing her appreciation for the in-depth discussion regarding the potential statutory revisions. She informed the Board that if Delaware no longer requires certification for SLPs, employers may decide not to reimburse, which may deter a licensee from wanting to be a supervisor or to be certified by ASHA.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica M. Williams

Administrative Specialist III

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